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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: ORESTES PENA, New Orleans, La., contacted on 6/3/64 for purpose of interview and declined to be interviewed without his attorney being present. On 6/4/64 CARLOS BRINGUIER, New Orleans, La., advised that first person he talked to connected with the Habana Bar, New Orleans, after assassination of President KENNEDY was ORESTES PENA, the owner. PENA told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in the Habana Bar with a Latin-appearing person prior to assassination. PENA told BRINGUIER that OSWALD ordered lemonade and argued about the price and afterwards became sick to stomach. BRINGUIER stated he was not sure but believed it was PENA who told him that OSWALD had been in the Habana Bar on approximately the same date that BRINGUIER had trouble with OSWALD on the street in New Orleans. BRINGUIER states it was his recollection that it was either PENA or EVARISTO RODRIGUEZ who had told him that the man who was with OSWALD in the bar had admitted being a Mexican. BRINGUIER states that after conversation with PENA, RODRIGUEZ furnished him the same information regarding OSWALD's visit to the Habana Bar. BRINGUIER advised he later talked with RUPERTO PENA about OSWALD having been in the bar. BRINGUIER related that he was told by RUPERTO that the man who accompanied OSWALD to the bar was identical with one of two men whom RUPERTO had seen passing in an automobile in front of the bar and about whom PENA had previously talked to BRINGUIER. BRINGUIER stated

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that sometime between 8/15 and 8/30/63 RUPERTO had requested him to call the FBI. BRINGUIER states that at that time RUPERTO either said he had seen "Two Latins" or possibly "Two Mexicans" pass in a car in front of the Habana Bar and according to RUPERTO the FBI had asked RUPERTO to call the FBI if he ever saw these two persons again. BRINGUIER stated he had understood RUPERTO to say the FBI had been in the Habana Bar looking for these two people. However, it was possible he may have misunderstood RUPERTO in this regard. BRINGUIER stated in response to RUPERTO's request he did call the FBI and related what RUPERTO had told him. BRINGUIER states it was possible that the emotional excitement created by the assassination may have caused RUPERTO PENA to feel he had some knowledge of persons possibly involved and that unthinkingly RUPERTO had declared after the assassination that the man that was with OSWALD in the bar was identical with one of the two men regarding whom BRINGUIER had called the FBI at the request of RUPERTO PENA. BRINGUIER advised that he wanted to clarify at this time information he had given in his deposition to an Investigator of the Warren Commission. He said he meant to say in his deposition that the individual who served OSWALD the lemonade in the bar was EVARISTO RODRIGUEZ and not RUPERTO PENA. BRINGUIER also furnished copy of a letter he wrote to the Student Revolutionary Directorate, Miami, Florida on 11/27/63 which letter is set forth. On 6/9/64 OREST PENA, also known as ORESTES PENA, advised that sometime prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, he was in his bar when the bartender told him a customer wanted some lemonade. PENA states he did not personally observe the person who ordered the lemonade and